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**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

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## Annotations

### 1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and such other officers as may be required.

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At its recent sessions, the Commission has elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

## 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

## 3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development

The Commission will review progress made in the implementation and follow-up of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and will consider at each of its sessions issues relating to the enabling environment for social development, the special situation of Africa and the least developed countries, enhancement of social development goals in structural adjustment programmes, the mobilization of domestic and international resources for social development, and the framework for international, regional and subregional cooperation for social development.

### (a) Priority themes

### (i) Social services for all

The Commission will review efforts undertaken and needed to reach the goal of universal coverage and access by all to basic social services; the need to improve the quality of service; steps needed to ensure provider responsiveness to user needs; and measures to increase the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of services. The Commission will also consider the specific topics from a gender perspective. In considering the question of social services for all, the Commission may wish to give special attention to the situation of persons with disabilities, in accordance with the priorities listed in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/82.

### (ii) Initiation of the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit

The Commission will review a preliminary assessment of achievements and constraints on the implementation of the commitments made at the World Summit for Social Development, and will begin the process of identifying further initiatives for consideration by the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives.

### (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

In accordance with earlier decisions of the Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission, the Commission will consider issues pertaining to ageing, in particular, the International Year of Older Persons (1999).

The Commission will have before it the outcome of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth (Lisbon, 8–12 August 1998).

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on social services for all (E/CN.5/1999/-)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the expert workshop on innovations in the delivery and financing of social services (E/CN.5/1999/-)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the expert workshop on ensuring access to social services of under-served populations (E/CN.5/1999/-)

Report of the Secretary-General on further initiatives for the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (E/CN.5/1999/-)

Report of the Secretary-General containing a preliminary assessment of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (E/CN.5/1999/-)

Note by the Secretary-General on the International Year of Older Persons and follow-up arrangements (E/CN.5/1999/-)

Interim report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (E/CN.5/1999/-)

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives (A/54/-)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (A/54/-)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth (A/54/-)

**4. Programme questions and other matters**

**(a) Programme performance and implementation**

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/238, the Commission will have before it excerpts from the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996–1997 (A/53/122 and Add.1) and from the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-eighth session (A/53/16 (Parts I and II)).

**(b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2000–2001**

The Commission will have before it the proposed programme of work of the Secretariat for the biennium 2000–2001 in the field of social development.

**(c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development**

**Nomination of members of the Board of the Institute**

The Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development is composed of 10 members who are nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council for a term of four years, renewable once for a further two years, in accordance with Commission resolution 10 (XXV).

One member has resigned since the previous meeting of the Board, and the term of office of five members, who are eligible for renomination to a further term of two years, will expire on 30 June 1999. The Commission, at its thirty-seventh session, will therefore be called upon to nominate one new member of the Board for a four-year term beginning on 1 July 1999 and expiring on 30 June 2003, and to renominate up to five members for a further two-year term beginning on 1 July 1999 and expiring on 30 June 2001. The Council will be called upon to confirm those nominations in 1999.

**Report of the Board of the Institute**

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Board of the Institute submits to the Commission a report on the progress of its work. The report before the Commission covers the biennium 1997–1998.

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (E/CN.5/1999/L.-)

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/1999/-)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/1999/9)

**5. Provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission**

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its thirty-eighth session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted for its consideration.

**Documentation**

Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development (E/CN.5/1999/L.-)

**6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-seventh session**

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure, the Commission reports to the Council on the work of each session.